

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion, is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the response, as the response places the application in clear condition for allowance or alternatively places the claims in better form for appeal. Specifically, Applicants have amended an independent claim to overcome an outstanding rejection.

Claims 1-5 and 16-29 are currently pending in the application; Claim 1 having been amended by way of the present response. Applicants respectfully assert that support for the changes to the claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and that therefore no new matter has been added.

In the Office Action Claims 1-5, 16-22, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,093,740 to Stevenson; and Claims 23, 24, and 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims have overcome the rejections for the following reasons.

The present invention is directed to a glass product. Independent Claim 1 recites a collar open to an exterior of the product interposed between and communicating with a main container body having a closed bottom and a secondary container body. The collar has an axis not parallel to an axis of the main container body and an axis of the secondary container body. The collar is integral with the main and secondary container bodies.

Stevenson is directed to a medicine dose measurer and bottle stopper. As shown in the figures of Stevenson, a perforated cork is inserted in a neck of a medicine bottle 1, and a branch 3 of a flask 4 is inserted in the perforation of the cork.¹

¹ Lines 49-54.

Applicants respectfully assert that Stevenson does not teach or suggest, however, the claimed features of a collar integral with a main contained body having a closed bottom, and a secondary container body, as recited in independent Claim 1. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert the flask 4 is not integral with the medicine bottle 1, but rather is inserted in the perforation of the cork inserted in the neck of the medicine bottle 1, and that the branch 3 of the flask 4 does not have a closed bottom.

Applicants respectfully assert that such modifications to Stevenson would not have been obvious, as such modifications would change the principle of operation of the invention of Stevenson, in that Stevenson permits removal of the flask 4 from the medicine bottle 1.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed invention recited in independent Claim 1 can provide numerous advantages that cannot be provided by Stevenson. By way of specific non-limiting examples, Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed invention recited in independent Claim 1 can provide a hollow product having excellent quality as (i) a homogenous distribution of material for both of the bodies and the collar can be achieved in a single roughing mold and (ii) the collar can be used to transfer the unitary hollow product from the single roughing mold to a single finishing mold. Applicants respectfully assert that the medicine bottle 1 including the cork and flask 4 of Stevenson cannot provide such advantages.

Specifically, independent Claim 1 recites “a main container body having a closed bottom . . . and a collar . . . integral with the main and secondary container bodies.” Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn, and the allowance of independent Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 2-5 and 16-29 are allowable for the same reasons as independent Claim 1 from which they depend, as well as for their own features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of dependent Claims 2-5 and 16-29

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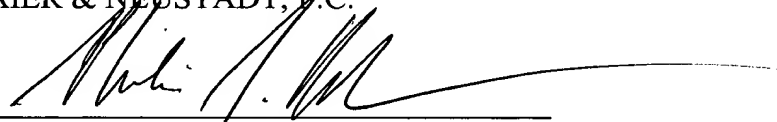
under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) be withdrawn, and the allowance of dependent Claims 2-5 and 16-29.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-5 and 16-29 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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